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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2402

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, EMIN, SU

SUBJECT: USGS ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 2296, (B) STATE 185593

1. DESPITE WHATEVER DISAPPOINTMENT MAY HAVE BEEN FELT  
OVER FUNDING PROBLEM, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IS INTERPRETING  
OUR RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR USGS ASSISTANCE VERY POSITIVELY.  
MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO LOCAL MEDIA THAT USG  
RESPONSE WAS POSITIVE, AND IN AUG 8TH LETTER TO DCM FROM  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MINISTER'S OFFICE MINISTER WAS  
DESCRIBED AS "ENTHUSIASTIC OF (SIC) THIS ENCOURAGING  
PROGRAM BETWEEN USGS AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT OF  
SUDAN". IN SECOND LETTER DATED AUG 11, WE WERE ASKED TO  
MEET WITH REPS OF GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS DETAILS  
OF AGREEMENT.

2. CHARGE MET WITH DIRECTOR OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL  
RESOURCES DEPT., YOUSEF SULEIMAN, AND FIVE OF HIS AIDES  
AUG 16. DURING MEETING POINTS SET OUT IN REF B WERE  
REVIEWED CAREFULLY. CHARGE WAS TOLD THAT EMBASSY WOULD  
SOON BE RECEIVING LETTER WITH INFO REQUESTED PARA 3  
REF B. DURING MEETING, HOWEVER, WE WERE ABLE TO GAIN  
SOME IDEA OF WHAT EXACTLY SUDAN WANTS. OF PRIMARY  
IMPORTANCE IS UPGRADING OF HUMAN RESOURCES WITHIN SUDAN  
PARTICULARLY IN SUCH AREAS AS MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS.  
PRESUMABLY THIS WILL INVOLVE SOME TRAINING ABROAD AS  
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WELL AS IN SUDAN AND IMPROVEMENTS IN DEPARTMENT'S

LABORATORIES.

3. FOLLOWING WERE CITED AS SPECIFIC FIELDS WHERE USGS  
HELP IS REQUIRED:

(A) EXECUTION OF INTEGRATED GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
PROGRAMS.

(B) STRENGTHENING CAPABILITIES OF DEPARTMENT'S  
PERSONNEL, METHODS AND EQUIPMENT.

(C) EMPLOYMENT OF SELECTED USGS SPECIALISTS, BOTH  
LONG AND SHORT TERM, E.G. IN CHEMICAL LABORATORIES.  
MAJOR GOAL IS TO STOP DOING ANALYSES OVERSEAS AND TO DO  
IT HERE.

(D) GEOLOGICAL MAPPING OF SUDAN FROM REMOTE (SATELLITE)  
SENSING AND DEVELOPING PHOTO INTERPRETATION CAPABILITY.

(E) DEVELOPING OTHER CAPABILITIES IN FOLLOWING  
ANALYTICAL AREAS; CHEMICAL, GEOCHEMICAL, OPTICAL, THIN  
SECTION, ORE DRESSING, SAMPLE PROCESSING, CO  
ANALYSIS,  
GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING AND WATER.

4. CHARGE REMINDED OFFICIALS AT AUG 16 MEETING OF USGS  
INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH SUDAN BUT THAT USG COULD NOT  
PROVIDE FUNDING. SULEIMAN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SENIOR  
LEVELS OF GOS WERE WORKING ON THIS, AND HE EXPRESSED  
SOME CONFIDENCE THAT MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED. SEVERAL  
QUESTIONS WERE RAISED REGARDING MECHANICS OF REIMBURSEMENT.  
CHARGE DESCRIBED TRUST FUND APPROACH USED ELSEWHERE.

5. COMMENT: WE FIND IT INTERESTING THAT MINISTER OF  
INDUSTRY IS MOVING FORWARD RELATIVELY RAPIDLY ON USGS  
PROJECT. CLEARLY, HE IS ATTACHING HIGH IMPORTANCE TO  
PROJECT, AND, INDEED, MINERALS DEVELOPMENT IN SUDAN IS  
ONE OF KEYS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY. FYI  
EMBASSY WILL BE POUCHING WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS AN AIRGRAM  
PROVIDING OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE MINERALS  
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ACTIVITY IN SUDAN. END FYI. GOS OFFICIALS APPEAR TO  
UNDERSTAND THEIR NEED TO FIND SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR USGS  
PROJECT, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY NOT FULLY REALIZE WHAT TOTAL  
COSTS WILL BE. THIS, OF COURSE, WILL DEPEND ON EXACT SCOPE  
OF PROJECT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LETTER GOS SENDS EMBASSY  
WILL BE ACCOMPANIED WITH REQUEST THAT SOMEONE FROM USGS  
VISIT KHARTOUM FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS HERE.  
SHOULD BE NOTED THAT GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS STRESSED

THAT EMBASSY TAKE NO ACTION (I.E., ON BASIS OF AUG 16  
MEETING) UNTIL LETTER ACTUALLY RECEIVED. EMBASSY WILL  
PROVIDE TEXT OF LETTER BY CABLE AS SOON AS WE GET IT.  
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